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ELECTRIC BONDS

VALIDATED IN THE HOUSE

There is good news for the people of Ocala in the dispatch from Representatives Crosby and Henderson, printed elsewhere. It informs them that their electric light bonds have been validated by the House.

A bill to validate these bonds was introduced by Mr. Crosby some weeks ago. It was turned down by the committee, for no good reason that has ever been stated.

Mr. Crosby, however, seems to have gone after the measure in his usual persistent manner, and the telegram this morning says that he succeeded.

We do not suppose there will be any opposition to the measure in the Senate, and of course there is no reason why the governor should oppose it.

The Star congratulates our representatives on their work in this instance. As a general thing when a bill meets an unfavorable report from a committee, it is killed; and if it is finally passed in spite of such a report it is only as a result of much more vigorous effort.

SOMETHING ELSE

The Star this morning received the following from our representatives at Tallahassee:

"Tallahassee, May 25.

"Editor Star: Your article in yesterday's daily was unfair and unjust. The people of Ocala have not been imposed upon.

"Your city charter and paving bills were both passed.

"Your bill validating the electric bond election passed the House today. "We have given you all you have asked for.

"Camp's bills are with a referendum. We are trying to represent all the people and not one faction only. "Crosby and Henderson."

Messrs. Crosby and Henderson have missed the point the Star complained of. The Star, in common with the rest of Ocala, wanted to know why these bills went thru the House without the people of Ocala being notified that they were under consideration.

When these bills went to the Senate, Senator Terrell, a citizen of Sumter county, did not think it was right to pass upon them until the people of Ocala had been notified. Why should our own representatives be less careful of our interests than Mr. Terrell, who has the whole district to look after, and is not supposed to be posted on our local affairs?

Messrs. Crosby and Henderson have probably only been negligent on this point. In regard to their remark about a faction, however, the Star begs leave to inform them that the faction that is opposed to measures being gumshoed thru the legislature is composed almost solidly of the people who supported them in the primaries, and who supported them in the belief that they would not allow any measure to pass without the people had been fully informed of it.

Another matter needs explanation. In passing the city charter, two sections were left out. One of these sections would have confined the vote in bond elections to property owners. As this section was one that was particularly urged by the responsible element of this city and as it is particularly obnoxious to anybody who may have schemes to put thru by means of the floating vote, as Messrs. Crosby and Henderson both knew this section was an important one, why was it left out, and why were the people of this city left in ignorance that it was to be left out until too late to remonstrate?

We have always praised Messrs. Crosby and Henderson for what they have done. We presume, that as an independent newspaper, and one which by the way doesn't represent either a faction or a personal interest, that we have a right to ask them about the things they do not do.

The Star believes that any citizen has a right to go to the legislature with any measure he desires to have passed. The Star also believes that every community has the right to know all about all measures concerning it before the legislature before they are passed. We have always understood this to be sound democratic principle, and we don't think Messrs. Crosby and Henderson will dissent from it.

A CORRECTION

Earlier in the term of circuit court this paper erred in stating that Mr. J. M. Douglass of Weirsdale was excused from jury duty owing to the fact that he was a member of the Ocala Rifles. Mr. Douglass is postmaster at Weirsdale and is therefore

disqualified from jury duty. At the time Mr. Douglass was disqualified, one or two men were excused on their militia membership, which is an exemption but not a disqualification, and the reporter got the names mixed.

AN UGLY INCIDENT

The dispatch elsewhere telling of the torpedoing of an American steamship off the coast of Ireland relates a very ugly incident. In view of the American note of a few days ago, unless Germany disclaims the act it is difficult to see how the United States can refrain from the most summary measures.

President Wilson's note to Germany contained the following paragraph:

"Expressions of regret and offers of reparation in case of the destruction of neutral ships sunk by mistake, while they may satisfy international obligations, if no loss of life results, cannot justify or excuse a practice the natural and necessary effect of which is to subject neutral nations and neutral persons to new and immeasurable risks."

WHY THIS OUTBURST?

In yesterday's Star appeared the following list of questions:

"Why should any measure pertaining to the public affairs of Ocala, or any other city, be gumshoed thru the legislature without the knowledge of the people? Is it not the truth that to fully discuss every law passed is one of the principles of democratic government? Does any public-spirited man ever try to hide anything he believes is being done in the public interest? Is it not true that some of the most corrupt schemes from which American cities have suffered have been passed by legislatures or boards of aldermen without the knowledge or against the wishes of the people concerned? What is the use of having representative government if laws can be passed to suit one man, or two, or three, in a community? Why not have an autocracy and relieve the people of the trouble of looking after their own affairs?"

These remarks were all of a general tendency, based on fundamental principles, did not refer to any particular person, and there was no reason why any one should be offended at them.

Nevertheless the Banner this morning contained a double-leaded warwhoop in defense of Mr. Camp, whose name did not appear, so far as we know, in yesterday's paper.

Following up this probably unsolicited defense, the Banner proceeds to give the people of Ocala a severe lecture, in which it says the interests of the city are retarded by private interests entrenched here, and which object to interference with their monopolies.

We have no doubt that the Banner believes what it says, but in the course of twenty years' work in this city, the Star had formed a directly opposite opinion of Ocala.

Be that as it may, the present issue before the people is that of the people trying to retain something they already have and which a private interest is trying to take away from them. They are endeavoring to keep the most powerful monopoly that has ever yet attacked the city from intrenching itself in such a way that its control cannot be shaken off without great sacrifice if at all.

ATLANTA MINISTERS FOR CLEMENCY

A special from Atlanta to the New York World says:

Believing that too much mystery still surrounds the murder of Mary Phagan and that there is a reasonable doubt of the guilt of Leo M. Frank, prominent members of the Atlanta Evangelical Ministers' Association have decided to petition Gov. Slaton to commute the sentence from death to life imprisonment.

At a conference just held this decision was reached, following a visit to the cell of the prisoner by Dr. C. B. Wilmer, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church.

At the meeting Dr. Wilmer recited the details of the case, telling of the doubtful points, and urged action. Other leaders in the movement are Dr. J. E. White, pastor of the Second Baptist church; Dr. C. W. Daniel of the First Baptist church; Dr. C. O. Jones of Trinity Methodist church; Dr. Richard Orme Flinn of the North Avenue Presbyterian church, and Dr. A. R. Holderby, pastor emeritus of Moore Memorial church.

The ministers decided to go in a body before Gov. Slaton when the

case reaches him and make oral argument against the death penalty.

A strong sermon was delivered tonight by Dr. Jacob L. White at the Baptist Tabernacle, in which he deplored capital punishment. He said the death of Frank would not restore Mary Phagan to life nor aid her bereaved ones, and pleaded for commutation.

The jurors held a meeting recently to consider signing a petition for clemency. As all of them were not present, another meeting will be held, probably this week, at which it is predicted commutation will be decided upon.

MELONS WILL SOON BEGIN TO MOVE

Mr. J. M. Douglass of Weirsdale was in the city yesterday and said the growers would soon begin shipping watermelons from that section. There are now scattering melons from the earlier plantings that are 15 inches long or possibly longer and these could be shipped in a very few days, but there are not enough for carloads. The regular crop is both fine and large, however, with a large acreage and the shipping will soon commence in earnest.

A CANNING DEMONSTRATION

There will be a demonstration given in canning beans and crystallizing grapefruit peel tomorrow at the residence of Mrs. J. R. Moorhead, beginning at 9:30 and lasting throughout the day.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

OCALA HIGH SCHOOL

The Ocala graded and high school will close Monday, May 31st. Final examinations will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. On those days the pupils will be dismissed not later than 1 o'clock in order that they may not be subjected to the strain of taking two long examinations each day and in order that the teachers may have time to grade the papers and prepare the report cards and promotion certificates for delivery to the pupils on Monday morning.

On Thursday evening at 7:45 the department of expression will give an entertainment at the Temple theater. The program will consist of a spectacular fairy play interspersed with music and drills.

An outline of the play with cast follows:

Scene: Garden of the Princess of Night in the Province of Darkness, Kingdom of the Sky.

Act 1. Scene, Garden of the Princess of Night. Time, early evening.

Act 2. Scene: Same as Act 1. Time, early evening three days later.

Cast

Princess of Darkness, Daughter of King Moon, ruler of the Province of Darkness, Kingdom of the Sky—Inez Sandifer.

Princess of Dawn, Daughter of King Sun, ruler of the Province of Light—Mary Garrett.

Miss Jane Jogway, of Woman's Rights fame, of Hoboken, N. J.—Caroline Harris.

Nora Mulligan, servant—Mabel Aiken.

Star Maids, attendants of the Princess of Darkness—Louise Rentz, Sidney Perry, Eloise Henry, Katherine Strunk, Nina Camp, Katie Mae Eagleton.

Sunbeam Maids, attendants of the Princess of Dawn—Callie Gissendanner, Agnes Burford, Theo Beckham, Marian Long, Nettie Camp, Louise Spencer.

Moonbeam, King Moon's courier—Norman Horne.

Eloise, a poor little girl from earth—Margaret Little.

Flower Maids—Irene Carn, Dolly Jones, Ruby Edwards, Christine Close, Marie Robertson, Annie McKay, Elizabeth Horne, Marian Mefert.

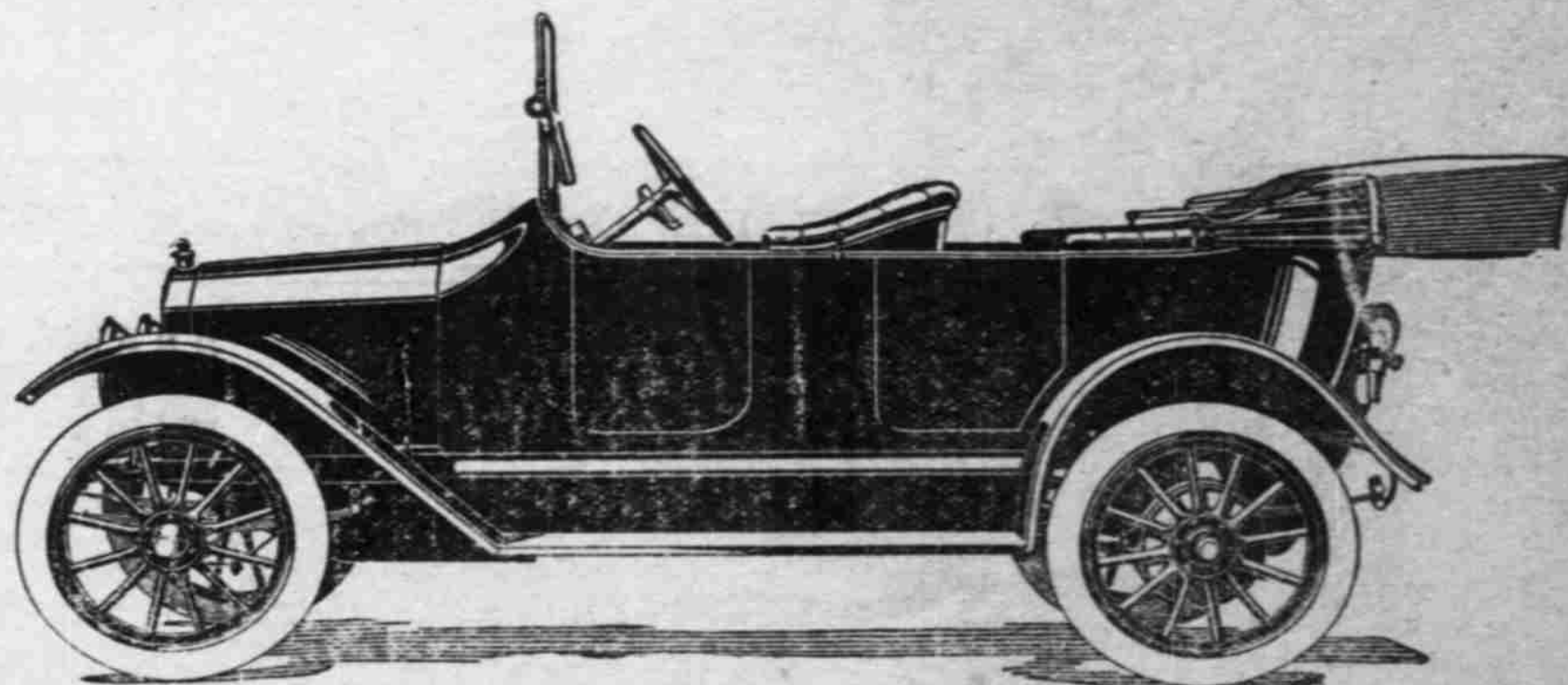
The admission to this entertainment will be 10 and 20 cents and the net proceeds will be used in paying the expenses incident to commencement.

Although this is the first year that the school has had a department of expression, the number of pupils taking has been large and most of the pupils are from the higher grades.

The commencement sermon will be preached Sunday morning, May 30th, at the Temple theater by Rev. Gross. All the churches of the city are requested to suspend their morning services and attend the exercises at the theater. A large choir under the leadership of Mr. Albert Gerig is preparing some splendid music for the occasion.

On Monday morning after the pupils have received their promotion certificates and report cards and have been dismissed for the term, the teachers will be "at home" to patrons and friends of the school, in their rooms where will be displayed the drawings, maps, arithmetic, spelling and language papers and other handwork and written work of the year. This is the first time that this part of the school has observed a patron's day. While the exhibit will be only a beginning and a prophecy of what may be expected in the future, those who come will find the display interesting and instructive. This will be especially true of the exhibit of the home economics department.

On Monday evening the regular graduating exercises will take place. The class this year consists of seven girls and four boys. They will present a varied and interesting program interspersed with music both vocal and instrumental.



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2. Owner of car	Biever Motor Car Co., New Haven
3. Date of test	April 30th, 1915
4. Weight of car with driver	2,000 lbs.
5. Wind resistance area	20 sq. ft.
6. Rolling resistance, declutched, high	36 lbs.
7. Rear ratio, direct, measured	3.55 to 1
8. Tires, size, front and rear	30 x 3.5
9. Tires, make, U. S. Non-skid	Inflated to 70 lbs.
10. Wheel base	103 inches
11. Cylinders	Four, 35-8 x 41-2
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14. Starter	Simms-Huff
15. Gasoline spec. grav.	0.72

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